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**FORM X-17A-5** 

Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01	/2005 MM/DD/YY	_ AND ENDING_	12/31/2005 MM/DD/YY
A. REGISTRA	NT IDENTIFIC	ATION	
NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: ALLEN C. EWIN ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:		v No )	OFFICIAL USE ONLY FIRM I.D. NO.
50 NORTH LAURA STREET, SUITE 3625	(No. and Street)		
JACKSONVILLE	   FL		32202
(City)	(State)		(Zip Code)
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON T BENJAMIN C. BISHOP, JR.	O CONTACT IN R	EGARD TO THIS I	REPORT 904-354-5573 (Area Code - Telephone Number)
B. ACCOUNTA	ANT IDENTIFIC	CATION	
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opi			
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### OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, BENJAMIN C. BISHOP, JR.	, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of
my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial s	tatement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of
ALLEN C. EWING & CO.	, as
of FEBRUARY 24	20_06, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that
neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, princi	pal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account
classified solely as that of a customer, except as follow	5 5;
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SHAARON M. ANDERSON	The state of the s
NOTARY PHR (1. S. ) F FLORIDA	Signature
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(c) Statement of Income (Loss).	
(d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.	
(e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity	
☐ (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinat ☐ (g) Computation of Net Capital.	ed to Claims of Creditors.
(g) Computation of Net Capital.  (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Re-	quirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
(i) Information Relating to the Possession or Con-	
	ation of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the
	Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
(k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unau	adited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of
(1) An Oath or Affirmation.	
(n) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.	
	ound to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.
**For conditions of confidential treatment of certain p	ortions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).



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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To the Board of Directors Allen C. Ewing & Co. Jacksonville, Florida

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statement of financial condition of Allen C. Ewing & Co. ("the Company") as of December 31, 2005, and the related consolidated statement of operations, changes in stockholder's equity and cash flows for the year then ended. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Allen C. Ewing & Co. as of December 31, 2005, and the consolidated results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in the supplementary data is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic consolidated financial statements. The computation of net capital computed under Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities and Exchange Commission on page 12 is supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The consolidating information on pages 13 through 15 is presented for purposes of additional analysis of the consolidated financial statements rather than to present the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the individual companies. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the consolidated financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the consolidated financial statements taken as a whole.

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January 13, 2006

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 2005

### **ASSETS**

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Cash and cash equivalents Restricted cash	·	\$	407,634 100,000
Accounts receivable Deferred tax asset			53,146 138,457
Furniture and equipment, net			22,871
Other assets			20,656
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$</u>	742,764
LIABILITIES AND	STOCKHOLDER'S EQUI	<u>Г Y</u>	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses Due to related party	1 1 1 1	\$	82,651 68,450
Total Liabilities			151,101
STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY:	i i		
Controlling interest: Common stock Additional paid-in capital Accumulated deficit		_	10 797,203 (138,363)
Total controlling interest			658,850
Noncontrolling Interest In Affiliate		_	(67,187)
Total Stockholder's Equity	 		591,663
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKE	IOLDER'S EQUITY	<u>\$</u>	742,764

See accompanying notes.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

REVENUES:	
Investment banking revenues	\$ 1,821,401
Brokerage commissions	301,120
Private placement commissions	325,399
Loan review	238,609
Interest and dividend income	21,003
Total Revenues	2,707,532
EXPENSES:	L
Salaries and employee benefits	1,754,257
General and administrative	261,325
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Occupancy and maintenance	168,438
Brokerage and clearing	113,265
Loan service related costs	138,494
Professional and regulatory fees	124,207
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Advertising and marketing	7,125
Depreciation	12,965
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Interest expense	7,373
Total Expenses	2,587,449
INCOME BEFORE CUMULATIVE EI	
CHANGE AND PROVISION FOR IT	NCOME TAXES 120,083
CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF ACCOUNT	NTING CHANGE (36,114)
CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF ACCOUNT	VIING CHANGE (50,114)
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	(19.264)
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	(18,364)
CONSOLIDATED NET INCOME	65,605
LESS: NET LOSS ATTRIBUTABLE	
INTEREST IN AFFILIATE	31,074
	CONTROLLING
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO	
INTEREST	\$ 96,679

See accompanying notes.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

	Common Paid-In Stock Capital		Paid-In	Accumulated Deficit		Non- Controlling Interest	Total Stockholder's Equity	
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2004	\$	10	\$ 832,203	\$	(271,156)	\$ 1	\$	561,058
Cumulative effect of accounting change		 	-		36,114	(36,114)		-
Dividends		ļ <u>-</u>	(35,000)		-	-	•	(35,000)
Net income (loss)					96,679	(31,074)		65,605
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2005	\$	: 10	\$ 797,203	<u>\$</u>	(138,363)	\$ (67,187)	<u>\$</u>	591,663

See accompanying notes.

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATIN	G ACTIVITIES:	
Net income	1	\$ 65,605
Adjustments to reconcile consolidate	ed net income to	
net cash provided by operating acti		
Cumulative effect of accounting	change	36,114
Depreciation		12,965
Deferred tax expense	1	18,364
Net changes in:		
Accounts receivable		(13,838)
Other assets	· ·	(4,777)
Accounts payable and other lial	pilities	59,112
Net Cash Provided By Operat	ing Activities	173,545
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING Proceeds from sale of investments Purchase of fixed assets	G ACTIVITIES:	140,226 (9,301)
Net Cash Provided By Investi	ing Activities	130,925
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCIN	C ACTIVITIES:	
Net advances from related party	G NCT VIII.	10,429
Dividends	i i	(35,000)
Dividends	!	(33,000)
Net Cash Used By Financing	Activities	(24,571)
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND C	ASH EQUIVALENTS	279,899
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENT	S, BEGINNING	127,735
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENT	S, ENDING	\$ 407,634

#### NOTE 1: NATURE OF BUSINESS

#### Organization

Allen C. Ewing & Co. (ACE) is incorporated in the State of Florida as a registered broker/dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (NASD) and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC). The Company provides full-service securities brokerage and investment banking, which primarily includes advisory services to clients on corporate finance matters, mergers and acquisitions, and the issuance of public stock primarily in the Southeast United States.

Ewing Loan Advisors, Inc. (ELA) is incorporated in the state of Florida and provides loan advisory, consulting and management services to community banks, governmental banking agencies and corporations in the Southeast United States

#### NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Consolidation

Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 46 (R), Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities ("FIN 46"), requires certain variable interest entities ("VIEs") to be consolidated by the primary beneficiary of the entity if the equity investors in the entity do not have the characteristics of a controlling financial interest or do not have sufficient equity at risk for the entity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support from other parties.

The accompanying financial statements include the accounts of Allen C. Ewing & Co. and its affiliate Ewing Loan Advisors, Inc. (collectively referred to as the "Company") which are under common control. During 2005, Allen C. Ewing & Co. adopted the Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 46R Consolidating Variable Interest Entities - Interpretation of ARB No. 51. Ewing Loan Advisors, Inc. is a variable interest entity of Allen C. Ewing & Co. and, accordingly, consolidation is required. All material intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

Any instrument which has an original maturity of ninety days or less when purchased is considered a cash equivalent.

### NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### Restricted Cash

Restricted cash is held by the Company for the purpose of complying with the Securities and Exchange Commission's Uniform Net Capital Rule. (Rule 15c3-1) see Note 5.

#### Fixed Assets

Furniture, fixtures and equipment are carried at cost, less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the underlying assets, which range from three to seven years.

#### **Income Taxes**

Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method as prescribed by Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes." Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases, and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. Deferred tax assets are reduced, if necessary, by the amounts of any tax benefits that, based on available evidence, are not expected to be realized.

#### Revenue Recognition

Investment banking revenues are earned by providing advisory services to clients on corporate finance matters, including mergers and acquisitions and the issuance of public stock. Investment banking revenues are recognized when earned.

Commissions are earned on securities transactions with a clearing broker/dealer initiated on behalf of customers. Additional commissions are also earned on sales of mutual fund shares and variable annuities and are received directly from the related fund or issuer. All commission revenue is recognized as income when earned.

#### NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### Advertising

The Company's policy is to expense advertising and promotion costs as the costs are incurred. Advertising cost for the year ended December 31, 2005, was \$7,125.

#### **Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Company's management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### NOTE 3: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

As of December 31, 2005, ELA was advanced \$65,000 in the form of two promissory notes from its sole stockholder, Ewing Capital Partners, LLC (the "Partnership"). The notes bear 6 percent interest per annum and are due on demand. At December 31, 2005, the Company incurred \$3,450 of interest expense. In addition, ACE also paid \$10,000 in management fees to the Partnership during the year ended December 31, 2005.

#### NOTE 4: COMMON STOCK

As of December 31, 2005, common stock consisted of the following:

#### Allan C. Ewing & Co.:

Common Stock, \$0.10 par value, 15,000 shares authorized, 100 shares issued and outstanding

#### Ewing Loan Advisors, Inc.:

Common Stock, \$1.00 par value, 100,000 shares authorized, 1 share issued and outstanding

\$ 1

\$ 10

#### NOTE 5: NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

ACE is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission's Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1) which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. The SEC is empowered to restrict ACE's business activities should its net aggregate indebtedness to capital ratio exceed 15 to 1. At December 31, 2005, ACE had net capital of \$421,090, which was \$301,090 in excess of its required net capital of \$120,000. At the same date, ACE's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was .18 to 1. Accordingly, the Company was in compliance with the net capital requirements.

#### NOTE 6: INCOME TAXES

Deferred income taxes result from the recognition of net operating loss carryforwards and temporary differences between the carry amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax reporting purposes.

The components of the deferred tax asset are summarized as follows:

Net operating losses Goodwill Depreciation	\$ 129,361 10,695 (1,599)
Net Deferred Tax Asset	<u>\$ 138,457</u>

The difference between income tax computed at the federal statutory rates and the actual tax benefit for the year ended December 31, 2005, is summarized as follows:

Tax on income at federal statutory rates State taxes, net of federal tax benefit Tax effect of net non-taxable items	16,800 2,866 (1,302)
Provision for income taxes	\$ 18,364

The Company has total net operating loss carryforwards available to offset future taxable income of approximately \$400,000. To the extent not used, these loss carryforwards will begin to expire in 2023.

#### NOTE 7: SUBORDINATED CLAIMS

As of December 31, 2005, the Company had no liabilities which were subordinate to the claims of general creditors.

#### NOTE 8: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

#### Leases

The Company rents office space under operating leases in Jacksonville, Florida and Charlotte, North Carolina. Rent expense under these leases amounted to \$168,438 for the year ended 2005. Future minimum payments under these leases are as follows:

Year	Endi	n	g
Decer	<u>nber</u>	3	1

2006	\$ 166,466
2007	174,950
2008	<u>29,414</u>

\$ 370,830

#### Cash

The Company places its temporary cash investments with high quality financial institutions. At time, such investments may be in excess of FDIC insured limits. The Company does not believe it is exposed to any significant credit risk with respect to cash and cash equivalents.

#### NOTE 9: CONCENTRATION

During 2005, the Company entered into an investment banking agreement with a bank client whereby the Company received fees totaling approximately \$1,100,000 plus expenses.

#### COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL COMPUTED UNDER RULE 15C3-1 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION DECEMBER 31, 2005

Schedule 1

### Net capital:

Stockholder's equity		\$ 658,850
Less: Fixed and other nonallowable assets Haircuts on money markets		(231,199) (6,561)
Net capital		<u>\$ 421,090</u>
Minimum net capital required		<u>\$ 120,000</u>
Excess net capital		<u>\$ 301,090</u>
Aggregate indebtedness - accounts payable	and other liabilities	<u>\$ 77,105</u>
Excess net capital at 1,000%		<u>\$ 413,380</u>
Ratio: Aggregate indebtedness to net capita		<u>.18 to 1</u>

## Statement Pursuant to Paragraph (d)(4) of Rule 17a-5 of the Securities and Exchange Commission

There are no differences between this computation of net capital and the corresponding calculation prepared by the Company and included in the Company's unaudited Part LIA FOCUS Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2005, as amended.

# CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 2005

	Alle	n C. Ewing & Co.		ving Loan visors, Inc.	Eli	minations	Co	nsolidated
		ASSET	<u>s</u>					
Cash and cash equivalents Restricted cash	\$	404,756 100,000	\$	2,878 -	\$	-	\$	407,634 100,000
Accounts receivable  Due from related party		15,618 69,178		37,528 -		- (69,178)		53,146
Deferred tax asset		104,527		33,930		-		138,457
Furniture and equipment, net		21,220		1,651		-		22,871
Other assets	-	20,656				-		20,656
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	735,955	\$	75,987	<u>\$</u>	(69,178)	<u>\$</u>	742,764
LIABILITIES	AN	D STOC	K H C	LDER'S	EC	UITY		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses Due to related party	\$	77,105	\$	5,546 137,628	\$	(69,178)	\$	82,651 68,450
Total Liabilities		77,105		143,174		(69,178)		151,101
STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY: Controlling interest: Common stock Additional paid-in capital Accumulated deficit		10 797,203 (138,363)		1 - (67,188)		(1) - 67,188		10 797,203 (138,363)
Total Controlling Interest		658,850		(67,187)		67,187		658,850
Noncontrolling interest in affiliate		-		-		(67,187)		(67,187)
Total Stockholder's Equity		658,850		(67,187)		-		591,663
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	\$	735,955	<u>\$</u>	75,987	<u>\$</u>	(69,178)	<u>\$</u>	742,764

## CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

	Allen C. Ewing & Co.	Ewing Loan Advisors, Inc.	Eliminations	Consolidated	
REVENUES:		_			
Investment banking revenues	\$ 1,821,401	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,821,401	
Brokerage commissions	301,120			301,120	
Private placement commissions	325,399	-	-	325,399	
Loan Review	-	238,609	-	238,609	
Interest and dividend income	21,003		<u>-</u>	21,003	
Total Revenues	2,468,923	238,609	<del></del>	2,707,532	
EXPENSES:	!				
Salaries and employee benefits	1,650,027	104,230	-	1,754,257	
General and administrative	211,398	49,927	-	261,325	
Occupancy and maintenance	168,438	-	_	168,438	
Brokerage and clearing	113,265	-	-	113,265	
Loan service related costs	-	138,494	-	138,494	
Professional and regulatory fees	124,207	-	-	124,207	
Advertising and marketing	3,934	3,191	-	7,125	
Depreciation	12,567	398	-	12,965	
Interest expense	 	7,373		7,373	
Total Expenses	2,283,836	303,613		2,587,449	
INCOME BEFORE CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF CHANGE AND PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	185,087	(65,004)	-	120,083	
CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF					
ACCOUNTING CHANGE	(36,114)	-	•	(36,114)	
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	(52,294)	33,930		(18,364)	
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 96,679	\$ (31,074)	\$	\$ 65,605	

### CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

		Allen C. Ewing & Co.		Ewing Loan Advisors, Inc.		Eliminations		Consolidated	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:									
Net income (loss)		\$	96,679	\$	(31,074)	\$	-	\$	65,605
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash prov	ided								
(used) by operating activities:									
Cumulative effect of accounting change			36,114						36,114
Depreciation			12,567		398		•		12,965
Deferred tax expense			52,294		(33,930)		-		18,364
Net changes in:									
Accounts receivable			7,814		(21,652)		-		(13,838)
Other assets			(4,777)		_		-		(4,777)
Accounts payable and other liabilities			54,287		4,825		-		59,112
Net Cash Provided (Used) By Operating Activities			254,978		(81,433)				173,545
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:									
Proceeds from sale of investments			137,680		2,546		-		140,226
Purchase of fixed assets			(7,252)		(2,049)		-		(9,301)
Advance to related party		_	(69,178)		<del></del>	69	,178		<del>-</del>
Net Cash Provided By Investing Activities			61,250		497	69	,178		130,925
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:									
Net advances from related party			-		79,607	(69	,178)		10,429
Distribution to shareholders			(35,000)						(35,000)
Net Cash (Used) Provided By Financing Activities			(35,000)		79,607	(69	,178)		(24,571)
NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			281,228		(1,329)		-		279,899
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING			123,538	_	4,197				127,735
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, ENDING		<u>\$</u>	404,766	<u>\$</u>	2,868	\$		\$	407,634



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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17a-5

To the Stockholder Allen C. Ewing & Co. Jacksonville, Florida

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Allen C. Ewing & Co. (the Company) for the year ended December 31, 2005, we considered its internal control in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control.

Also, as required under Rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company, including tests of compliance with such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and the procedures for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. We did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in making the quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications and comparisons, and the recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13, or in complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, or in obtaining and maintaining physical possession or control of all fully paid and excess margin securities of customers as required by Rule 15c3-3, because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls, and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph, and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable, but not

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absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in internal control that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above. In addition, the Company was in compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3 as of December 31, 2005, and no facts came to our attention indicating that such conditions have not been complied with during the year then ended.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2005, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the board of directors, management, the SEC, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., and other regulatory agencies which rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

LBA Certified Public Duountants, P.A.

January 13, 2006

